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Center holds offsite

by **Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer**
ESC Public Affairs

Electronic Systems Center held its Acquisition Offsite March 9 and 10.

The overall theme for the offsite was to explore options to improve execution of acquisition programs, according to Lt. Col. Scott Rumph, one of the offsite's facilitators.

"Ultimately our goal is to continue to evaluate how we do business at ESC so we can hone the command, control and information edge of air power and give the information advantage to our warfighters," said Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, ESC commander.

The first step in meeting this goal was to develop an agenda. Colonel Rumph started by sending out a comprehensive survey to all the program office directors including each of ESC's geographically separated units along with representatives from the staff functional offices and the 66th Air Base Wing.

"We wanted to identify those issues that cut across unit lines," said Colonel Rumph, "and then present them to the offsite attendees as improvement opportunities."

From the surveys, the staff developed a list of potential topics for the meeting. Then, once the offsite started, the 45 participants were divided into five groups, each of which was assigned a different issue to work on.

"The first thing the groups did was to further define the issues," said Colonel Rumph. Once everyone agreed on the definitions, the groups got down to the nuts and bolts — developing execution plans to solve the problems.

One of the first issues to come out of this process was the need to efficiently and effectively provide decision makers with timely access to relevant and quality information.

"The group realized the key was finding the balance to meet the legitimate information needs of ESC and Department of the Air Force leaders while minimizing the reporting workload on the people who are actually trying to execute the programs," said Colonel Rumph.

The groups also looked at maximizing command and control integration in the

absence of dedicated resources and direction.

"We identified options to maximize integration of C2 systems at the center including working with our customers on the need to integrate and even allocating resources when and where necessary," said Colonel Rumph.

In addition, the groups analyzed the utilization of human resources at ESC.

"We need to ensure we have the right people on the right jobs," said Colonel Rumph. "This would include aggressively bringing in the best and brightest in their fields and then continuing to give them the essentials they need to become world class C2 acquisition professionals."

Once the offsite was finished, the staff began the process of creating actual execution plans for the solutions developed by the participants. Top-level plans are now being fleshed out into specific plans which will then deploy the solution across the center.

"We'll start to deploy the plans in spirals," said Colonel Rumph, "as a result you should see more web-based reporting and less redundancy very soon."

ESC members at every level can also look forward to an increased opportunity to receive training to increase knowledge of acquisition execution.

"Training is going to provide our people the tools they need to maximize their effectiveness," said Colonel Rumph.

There are also plans to enhance C2 integration by institutionalizing the Enterprise Information Management approach. The groups also saw the need for a senior information command and control forum at the program office director level to begin to identify common mission threads and opportunities for integration.

Initial assessments of the offsite are very high according to Colonel Rumph. In particular, everyone was very pleased with the representation, especially from the geographically separated units, and the level of commitment to the overall goal of improving program execution.

As staff members pointed out, this meeting was only the first of many similar offsites. They estimate that ESC will hold at least two meetings each year.



photo by Mark Wyatt

Hanging around ...

Army Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Minor, Massachusetts Army National Guard, and son, John Minor, enjoy the spring weather at Hanscom's Memorial Park.

AF issues symbol guidance

by **Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis**
ESC Public Affairs

The Air Force has released guidance on the use of the new symbol.

Air Force leaders emphasized that this symbol doesn't replace any the Air Force has used in the past, and no decisions have been made regarding its use on patches, uniforms or other permanent applications.

According to the guidelines, commanders may now use the symbol on "perishable" products and those involving limited expense, such as printed materials, clothing, coins, etc.

The symbol should not be applied at this time to "nonperishable" uses such as aircraft, vehicles, buildings and base entrance gates.

Commanders retain discretion to decide how the symbol is used in their organizations, consistent with the guidelines.

Specific guidelines on use of the symbol are available online. These guidelines illustrate the symbol, explain its meaning, and outline rules for its proper display.

The guidelines and authorized versions of the symbol are available for download at: www.af.mil/airforcestory.



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Commentary

Proper uniform wear

Comment: In the past four weeks I've stopped at least two people per week in the base gym parking lot because they were wearing their battle dress uniform field jacket or Gore-Tex jacket (with insignia) while in civilian workout clothes.

On several occasions I was not the first person to notice these individuals, but I was the first person to say something concerning their improper wear of the uniform.

Table 1.3 of Air Force Instruction 36-2903 states when, how and where you can and cannot wear the uniform. Please ask people to do the right thing.

One colonel answers: *Why stick around?*

by Lt. Col. Dave Lewis
Air Combat Command

Stickin' with it. Why do we hang on with the team when the opportunities are so much better in the "real" world? What's in it for us? The economy is booming; the job opportunities are great; I won't have to put up with all of this ...

If you're like me, every now and then you think about hanging up your uniform and finding something else to do. Sometimes the stress we get from long deployments, missing birthdays and trying to make ends meet on a military salary gets to us. There has to be a better way of life.

Honestly, many times I think there is a better way of life. And we protect it.

Whenever I think about getting out, I force myself to remember a time and a place. The time was March 1991, the place — Southern Iraq.

Our mission was to man Allied Checkpoint Bravo and conduct refugee operations as a result of the Shiite rebellion that was ongoing in Southern Iraq. I didn't really have a job, our shooting was over, but I forced myself to be part of the operation. And I'm glad I did.

What I saw horrified me: pregnant women with bayonet wounds, 10-year-olds with bullet wounds, an old man with his severed fingers wrapped up in a rag and wounded

and starving refugees huddled in dump trucks.

One day, as my NCOIC and I were traveling down a back road to check on some of the guys in our small Air Force outfit, we came across a young man traveling with two small boys. A curious sight, because nearly all the men his age served in the Iraqi military. Finally I could see he moved with a pronounced limp, perhaps a victim of the Iran-Iraq war, I'll never know.

He watched us cautiously as we approached. I saw they were scooping stagnant water from a puddle by the side of the road. There were no signs of habitat or humanity within miles of us. Just three wretched human beings trying to survive. I had three young boys of my own waiting for their father to return from the desert and my heart sat in my throat.

Tech Sgt. Larry and I stopped and gave them the spare MREs (meals ready to eat) we always carried, along with several bottles of water. The fear in the young man's eyes gave way to tears and he thanked us profusely in a language I didn't speak, but understood none the less. Sergeant Larry and I didn't say a word to each other for the next 45 minutes, but we each knew what the other was thinking.

I have returned to that part of the world several times since then, even flown combat sorties over

Response: The Air Force uniform is not only an important part of our heritage as airmen, it is also one of the things that binds us together as a team and proper uniform wear is an outward sign of our commitment to the Air Force team.

You are correct in pointing out that uniform wear is governed by Air Force Instruction 36-2903. Table 1.3 of that instruction states: "Members do not wear, while in civilian attire, grade insignia, cap devices, badges and insignia, distinctive badges, etc."

Outer garments like the battle dress uniform field jacket or Gore-Tex jacket may be worn with civilian clothes if the rank insignia is removed.

If you have questions about how to wear the Air Force uniform properly, contact Master Sgt. Steve Tupeck in the Military Personnel Flight at 3-8542.

that particular stretch of the desert. I often wonder what became of that small family. I'm sure I'll never know.

What I do know is human beings can be incredibly cruel to one another. And 95 percent of the American population will never fully appreciate how cruel because we enjoy a great standard of living in this wonderful country of opportunity. What we in the military do to protect our way of life is important — more so than you may ever realize.

If you've made your decision to leave the military and move on to the great opportunities our country has to offer, then I salute you for your dedicated service and wish you the best. It hasn't been easy. I stay in for a number of reasons: I've served in austere lands with some of the greatest people I've ever known, I've been challenged far beyond my own expectations and I have truly admired the ingenuity of the American GI in combat situations.

Most importantly — I never want your or my children, grandchildren or their descendants struggling to survive beside a dusty road because of some lunatic's iron fist. We protect the greatest way of life mankind has ever known. I still carry a small Iraqi token to remind me that all of the trouble we go through is worth it. Thanks for stickin' with it! (*Colonel Lewis commands the 428th Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.*)

Everyone who owns a blue suit must participate in *Training from the Airman's Manual*

The Military Training Day will be conducted on the first Friday of every month as mandated by Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Electronic Systems Center commander.

The training for April 7 is:

- ☐ Law of Armed Conflict briefing is scheduled in the Base Theatre from 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Page 18 of the manual has this information.
- ☐ Host nation sensitivities located on page 19 of the manual.
- ☐ Pallet construction located on page 21 of the manual or a demonstration near the Education Center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Did you know ... that the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) applies wherever U.S. military members are serving in the world.



Celebrations to commemorate 225th anniversary

by **Chuck Paone**
ESC Public Affairs

Celebrations commemorating the 1775 Battles of Lexington and Concord will be bigger and better than ever this April, which marks the 225th anniversary of the events that triggered America's war for independence.

Various activities will be held throughout much of April, with battle re-enactments that recreate the events of April 19, 1775, conducted April 15.

This represents a change from past years when some reenactments were held on Saturday, but the major morning battles – the battle on the Lexington Green and the subsequent battle on the Old North Bridge in Concord — were held on the following Monday, which is the Patriots' Day holiday in Massachusetts.

Conducting all the battles April 17, would have resulted in a schedule conflict with the famed Boston Marathon, which is always run on Patriots' Day.

This year, all the battle events will be re-enacted in chronological order for the first time since they occurred in April of 1775, according to Skip Hayward, chairman of the Lexington 2000 Commission and a re-enactor himself.

Between 65 and 70 American and British units from at least 25 states, Canada and England, will participate in the largest event of its kind ever held in the Northeast, according to Mr. Hayward. There will be about 2,000 re-enactors in all.

Because of the scale of this year's events, the consolidation of battles and the vast amount of advanced publicity, organizers are expecting much larger crowds than in previous years.

"If I were selling out a stadium, I could tell you exactly how many people are going to show up, but that's not the case," Mr. Hayward said. "All I can say is that I've been getting calls and e-mail messages from people all over the United States, Canada and even other countries."

Mr. Hayward added that, for the

period of time around Patriots' Day, this area has become a destination for numerous tour companies, and he noted that all local hotel rooms have been sold out.

From early morning to late afternoon April 15, shuttle busses will run from designated spots along Hartwell Avenue in Lexington to some battle sites and to downtown Lexington, and they will return on scheduled loops.

That morning, the Lexington Battle Green conflict will be reenacted at 6 a.m. on the Green. The battle at the Old North Bridge in Concord will follow at 8 a.m. Then the series of battles that occurred during the British retreat from Concord will ensue.

The Meriam's Corner Battle on Old Bedford Lane in Concord starts at 10 a.m.; the Bloody Angle skirmish starts at 10:45 a.m. along the Battle Road Trail in Minuteman National Park; the Virginia Road Battle near the Hartwell Tavern in the Minuteman National Park kicks off just 10 minutes later; the Battle at Concord Hill in Hastings Park

begins at 2:30 p.m. along Massachusetts Avenue between Hastings and Tower Parks; then Lord Percy's Relief will arrive at Tower Park at 3:45 p.m.

Several late afternoon and evening activities will also be featured April 15.

The Lexington 2000 Commission will sponsor sinfonietta concerts at 4:30 and 8 p.m. at the Museum of Our National Heritage, which is located at the intersection of Route 2A and Massachusetts Avenue. In Concord, the annual Patriots' Day Ball is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Concord Armory on Everett Street, located just a few blocks from Concord Center.

The celebration period will effectively begin, as it always does, with the traditional pole capping parade and ceremony in Bedford April 8.

Placing a cap on the top of a large pole signified the colonists' rebellion against Britain, according to Rick Manley, current captain of the Bedford Minute Men Company.

"The British would come tear it down, and the colonists would put it right back up," Mr. Manley said.

The parade will step off at 10:30 a.m. near Fitch Tavern on the Great Road in Bedford and proceed to Wilson Park for the pole capping ceremony, which is the only pole capping ceremony in New England that actually features someone climbing the pole, according to Mr. Manley.

"The others just lay the pole down, put the cap on it and stand it back up," he said.

Also April 8, the Lincoln Minute Men will be reenacting the capture of Paul Revere at the site of the marker commemorating Revere's capture in Minute Man National Park. The event, which will feature horse riders portraying Revere, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott, as well as Red

Coats in pursuit, will take place at 3 p.m. Fife and Drum music and a brief historical narrative will also be provided.

From April 13 through 17, visitors will be able to view two authentic colonial encampments. The camps will be set up in Lincoln Park on Lincoln Street in Lexington.

On April 16, a number of additional events will be held, including a ceremony rededicating the Lexington Battle Green and the Minute Man Statue at 2 p.m. The 102nd Air National Guard Fighter Wing will conduct an F-15 flyover at the start of those ceremonies.

On April 17, the traditional Patriots' Day parades in Lexington and Concord will be held. Concord's parade steps off from the Concord Armory at 9 a.m. The Lexington parade starts at 2 p.m. on Massachusetts Avenue.

Throughout this period, the National Park Service will also be conducting a number of educational and interpretive events in Minute Man National Park. A complete listing of Park Service programs can be viewed at www.nps.gov/mima or by calling (978) 369-6993.

The Museum of Our National History will also be sponsoring a number of special displays and educational presentations. Information can be obtained by calling (781) 862-6541 or viewing information on-line at www.mmh.org.

Unfortunately, there is no one place to consult for a full listing of area events, and not all events are listed in this article. Other helpful websites include www.2000lexington.com and www.lincoln-ma.com/index.htm.

The Lexington 2000 Commission can also be reached by phone at (781) 862-0500, ext. 700.

The Concord Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee can be reached at (978) 369-0817.



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Redcoat re-enactors march in last year's Lexington Patriots' Day Parade. This parade is just one of many local activities, which commemorate the events that triggered America's fight for independence.

Colonel retires after 30 years

by **Capt. Mark Bell**
66th Mission Support Center

The special assistant to the 66th Air Base Wing commander, retires today after 30 years of service in the United States Air Force.

Colonel Robert J. Gmyrek has been at Hanscom for the past year, and has been the special assistant since that time.

Colonel Gmyrek entered the Air Force in 1970 through Officer Training School.

Some of Colonel Gmyrek's assignments were as an instructor pilot and flight commander, 35th Flying Training Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas; FB-111 instructor and flight examiner, Pease AFB N.H.; chief, B-2 Weapons System Acquisition Branch, headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB,

Nebraska; vice commander, 85th Wing, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland; and U.S. Air Attaché to Norway.

He is a command pilot, having accumulated more than 3,650 hours in a wide variety of aircraft, including fighter-bombers, tankers, trainers and transports. He flew 243 combat sorties in Southeast Asia.

Colonel Gmyrek and his wife, Marsha, are both graduates of the University of Massachusetts. They have two sons and a daughter; Brendan, Devin and Shannon.

Brigadier General McFarland will host Colonel Gmyrek's Retirement Ceremony today at 10:30 a.m. in the Officers' Club Ballroom.

The dress for today's ceremony is uniform of the day. All personnel are invited to attend.



Air Force Assistance Fund

There's only one day left in this year's AFAF campaign.

For information on the campaign, or to donate to any of its four charities, contact your unit project officer, or call 1st Lt. Jeannie Connor, installation project officer, at 3-4091.



Proudly donning her World War II uniform, Ann Wood-Kelly talked of being the only woman in her flight class to watch combat troops prepare for the D-Day invasion. This 82-year-old woman is still ...

Flying High

by **Rudi Williams**

American Forces Press Service

Arlington, Va. — The “brown bag lunch” audience here at the Women’s Memorial roared with laughter when Ann Wood-Kelly, decked out in her World War II uniform, said, “There’s a lot of displacement over the years, but the differential was only about five pounds.”

Ms. Wood-Kelly, 82, visited the Women in Military Service to America Memorial to give a slide presentation depicting her years flying for the allies. She was a World War II ferry pilot with the British Air Transport Auxiliary. The auxiliary was the model for America’s Women’s Airforce Service Pilots. The WASPs, as a group, became pioneers, heroines and role models as the first women in history trained to fly U.S. military aircraft.

Ms. Wood-Kelly said the most common questions people asked her are, “How did you start and why did you start?”

She said the simple answer is she was at the right age to get involved when the United States entered World War II. After war broke out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civilian Pilot Training Program in December 1939 to prepare America should it enter the war.

Two of her friends were discussing joining the program at a party at Ms. Wood-Kelly’s house. “When they left, mother said, ‘Why don’t you look into this?’” said Ms. Wood-Kelly of Manchester by the Sea, Mass., near Boston. Her frugal mother was always looking for bargains, and this one was great.

“They taught people to fly for free,” Ms. Wood-Kelly noted. “And out of a class of 12 students, one could be a girl; that was fascinating.”

To get ahead of the game, she took a ground school course at a local high school. The flying course was conducted at Maine’s all male Bowdoin College.

“They selected 10 boys, the 11th was my brother, and I was the 12th,” Ms. Wood-Kelly said. “I wasn’t a boy, so they didn’t know what to do about me. They advertised in the Brunswick (Maine) newspaper for a boy to come to learn to fly for free and nobody came. Wasn’t I lucky?”

Afraid of losing the government contract, Bowdoin’s president accepted Ms. Wood-

Kelly’s application. She earned her private pilot’s license and a commercial license and returned as an instructor. Soon thereafter, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

“I, like all of my (fellow) students, wanted to do something effective, but we were not quite sure what,” she said.

A telegram from Jacqueline Cochran, America’s foremost woman pilot, helped make up her mind. Cochran sent out telegrams trying to recruit American women to go to England to fly aircraft with the British Air Transport Auxiliary. By ferrying aircraft from manufacturers to British air bases, the women freed men to fly in combat in Europe.

“She sent telegrams to every woman pilot that had at least 350 hours’ flying time — about 300 of them,” Ms. Wood-Kelly said. “She turned me down the first time. I was on the young side and only had minimal flying time — just scratched into 350 hours.”

But luck was on her side again. Many of the women Cochran interviewed had several thousand hours, but they were older and many had families and children. “She wasn’t about to recruit them, because of the potential of having to deal with family problems,” Ms. Wood-Kelly said.

As a result, Ms. Wood-Kelly became one of 24 American women to serve with the auxiliary from 1942 to 1945. She flew hundreds of hours in 75 different aircraft and received the King’s Medal of the United Kingdom from King George VI.

She said the hardest parts of the job were dealing with unpredictable weather, flying without radios or navigational aids and flying in areas with a lot of barrage balloons floating around in the air. The balloons were raised over critical areas to discourage low-flying aircraft — their heavy suspension cables could shear off a passing plane’s wing and propellers, Ms. Wood-Kelly noted.

“When we went into a factory, they’d let down the balloons to give us time to get out,” she said.

Time and distance flying was difficult at times, she said. “Depending on the wind, you may not come down where you thought you were going to come down,” Ms. Wood-Kelly said.

A page of her wartime logbook, flashed on the theater’s huge screen, showed she

flew 58 hours and delivered 33 various aircraft in one month. She flew a variety of aircraft, everything from British Spitfires and Mosquitoes to American P-38 Lightnings and P-51 Mustangs.

“After D-Day, we ferried food and supplies to the liberated countries,” Ms. Wood-Kelly noted. “They didn’t choose women to do that at first, but we finally got our chance to get to Brussels and Paris, mainly. One of my particular missions was to fly in enough champagne for our (victory) party.”

It was strawberry season in England when combat troops were preparing to cross the channel for the D-Day invasion, Ms. Wood-Kelly noted. “Women pilots gathered strawberries and passed them out to the troops as they sat in their vehicles awaiting their turn to cross the channel,” she said. “Some of the troops were writing letters, some were reading comics and some were getting haircuts — all simple things. All of them were grateful for the strawberries.

“When you left them, you knew that was probably going to be their last strawberry on this Earth for many of them,” she said.

Ms. Wood-Kelly said she stayed in England after the war, flying to different factories to see how they were converting to peacetime operations.

In December 1949, she married A. Jackson Kelly in Boston. The newlyweds returned to London where the groom was the regional director of Pan Am for Europe.

“We lived in London for about four years and our son, Christopher, was born there in 1950,” Ms. Wood-Kelly said. “We were separated, but my husband died in my house in November 1999.” Her son, who is unmarried, runs a computer business in Watertown, Mass.

When she returned home after several years in England, Ms. Wood-Kelly worked in airline management for many years, becoming Pan American Airways’ first woman staff vice president for international charges. President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed her to the Women’s Advisory Committee on Aviation. President Richard Nixon later named her the committee chairman.

Ms. Wood-Kelly became the Aero Club of New England’s first woman president in 1965. The club has been giving a \$2,000 Ann Ms. Wood-Kelly scholarship each year since 1987



Ann Wood-Kelly

to honor the noted World War II aviator. In 1996, the club honored her with the Godfrey L. Cabot Award.

At 82-years-old, Ms. Wood-Kelly is still flying her Piper Arrow and is an instrument flight rules pilot.

Ms. Wood-Kelly said the U.S. military didn’t do right by the women in the beginning, “but they’re getting there now.”

“We ought to be on an equal basis, but I’m not clear about whether women should fly fighter aircraft,” said Ms. Wood-Kelly. “I think of the vulnerability of a woman being taken prisoner. I wouldn’t want to be a prisoner in Serbia, for example.”

Ms. Wood-Kelly’s life experiences are the stuff books are written about and movies are made of, but said she isn’t interested. “I haven’t written a book or (set down) any memories, but I have recorded my experiences on audio and videotape,” she said. She has also given all of her memorabilia to archival homes — Texas Literature University, the WASPs and the Hoover Institution for War Revolution and Peace.

“What I envision is that all of you bright young things can push a (button) one-day and wouldn’t have to read the book,” she said.

Airmen, soldiers drop into history

by **Master Sgt. Michael Casados**
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Pope AFB, N.C. — Pope airmen and Fort Bragg soldiers came together March 15 to celebrate Women’s History Month with a first-time honorary jump consisting of an all-woman jump team.

Pope loadmasters, pilots and navigators supported the 110 soldiers who dropped from the skies from C-130s onto Sicily Drop Zone. “It was great seeing the women outnumbering the men for once,” said Staff

Sgt. Darlene Franklin, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron air transportation specialist who supported the jump mission. “Usually the men outnumber the women about 5-to-1.”

“I think that since we were paying tribute to women in the military as part of Women’s History Month, this was a very special mission,” said Tech. Sgt. Lori A. Lawrence, 43rd Operation Support Squadron instructor loadmaster. “It was an honor participating in this event, because women haven’t been flying in the C-130 aircraft very long.”



Tech. Sgt. Lori Lawrence (center) a loadmaster instructor with the 43rd Operations Support Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., prepares to manually retrieve the static-line bags after jumpers exit a C-130 aircraft and safety has cleared the rear to ensure there are no towed jumpers. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Casados)

Women’s History Month

Did you know ...

- ☐ 18 percent of the force is women
- ☐ Women first began entering pilot training in 1976, navigator training in 1977 and fighter pilot training in July 1993
- ☐ Currently there are 364 (3 percent) female pilots and 131 (3 percent) female navigators

Sexual harassment hotline remains available

Randolph AFB, Texas — The Air Force’s senior leaders want military and civilian employees to remain aware of the service’s sexual harassment hotline.

The Air Force Personnel Center here operates the hotline, which is set up to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries. The numbers are toll free 1-800-558-1404, DSN 665-2949, or commercial (210) 565-2949.

“First, we expect our people to use their chain of command,” said Maj. Gen. Richard E. “Tex” Brown, AFPC’s commander. “However, the hotline offers another channel of communication for those who have a question, concern or complaint about sexual harassment or discrimination. The Air Force has ‘zero tolerance’ for sexual harassment and discrimination and we take each call very seriously.”

An AFPC Call Center representative answers each call to the hotline.

Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor. Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors are available to take calls during normal duty hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CST.

After normal duty hours, voice mail is available for callers to leave messages. Counselors return after-hours phone calls the following duty day.

Counselors are available 24 hours a day for emergencies or when an immediate response is desired. The call center voice mail will instruct callers how to reach an after-hours counselor.

Chaplain returns from deployment in Bosnia

by **Senior Airman Jason J. Ide**
ESC Public Affairs

One of Hanscom's own has recently returned from a three-month TDY to Tuzla Air Base in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas P. Sandi, 66th Air Base Wing chaplain, went to Tuzla as part of the NATO peacekeeping operation, known as Stabilization Force.

Chaplain Sandi was in Bosnia from Dec. 15, 1999 to March 15. During that time he served as the sole Air Force chaplain to the 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group. In addition, he assisted the eight Army chaplains who serve 2000 personnel at Eagle Base and five base camps.

The multinational NATO Stabilization



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas P. Sandi

Force at Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia, is made up of a wide variety of Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, DoD civilians, contractors, active duty, reservists and guardsmen from many nations working together to keep the peace.

"The chaplain belongs in the middle of things. To have someone approach me saying, 'I haven't been very close to God in years, but now ...' or 'I'm not a Catholic, but I feel I can speak with you' or 'I'm a Marine; can I have some of your time?'" affirms everything I ever believed about the Chaplain Service," said Chaplain Sandi.

"As the only Air Force chaplain on the installation, I worked around the clock to be present to all personnel, provide worship, education and counsel to those who were practicing their faith and those who had no religious beliefs," said Chaplain Sandi. "It was what I might call 'pure ministry,' with particular emphasis on the 'here and now.' It was exhilarating!"

"The people had a wide range of needs and I was honored to be of service to them," said Chaplain Sandi. "Since my tour of duty ranged over the Christmas holidays and the turn of the Millennium, I was of particular use to a larger group of men and women who were far from home and in need.

During one particular day of his TDY, Chaplain Sandi and 23 other Air Force men and women traveled to Simin Han, a refugee center just outside the town of Tuzla.

"It was a sobering picture of the local conditions, said Chaplain Sandi.

In the Camp there, 80 families were housed, without any men over the age of 18.

Chaplain Sandi and the group of Air Force

people unloaded a truckload of donated clothing, toys, school supplies — all of which were sent from military installations and small towns back in the United States.

To show their gratitude for the Americans gifts and assistance, the people put on a 20-minute show with the small children in it.

"It was heartrending," said Chaplain Sandi. "A few young children recited poetry about winter, flowers and playing. The earnestness of the little children reciting their parts in full voice was riveting."

After the performances, according to Chaplain Sandi, the children mobbed the airmen who had their pockets filled with candy for them.

Chaplain Sandi commented that, one airman at six-feet seven, was a "giant" to the children, so his contribution was carrying the kids around on his shoulders. "They squealed with delight," said Chaplain Sandi.

"I came home with a feeling of complete fulfillment as a priest and as a chaplain.

"Clergymen are in the Air Force for just such contingencies," said Chaplain Sandi. "They are in a unique position to stand alongside those whom they serve, in the same uniform, under the same orders. Military personnel are guaranteed the opportunity to practice their religious beliefs and the Chaplain Service provides that for them and their families.

"We chaplains proudly put on a uniform to make sure Americans defending their country, anywhere, anytime, are not deprived of their right to practice their faith," said Chaplain Sandi. "This has never been clearer nor more meaningful to me than when I was in Tuzla."

HAWC explains how to ‘spring’ forward into fitness

by Airman 1st Class Theresa Ide
ESC Public Affairs

Just like reptiles that lay on warm rocks all day to energize, with the sun creeping out and springtime in the air, people will find the warmer weather somewhat energizing.

And with Hanscom currently testing new fitness standards that will accompany ergometry testing, it’s probably a good idea to put that belated New Year’s resolution to get back in shape into action.

For those who haven’t exercised in eons, Becky Mueller, fitness program manager at the Health and Wellness Center, suggests not to try and do too much when first beginning an exercise program.

“A common mistake people make is to overdo exercise initially and end up hurt, very sore, burned out or discouraged,” said Ms. Mueller. “Remember to begin slowly and

gradually increase your duration, intensity or frequency.”

For improving overall health, the American College of Sports Medicine recommends exercising four to five times per week, or daily for weight loss, said Ms. Mueller. To maintain current body condition, one should exercise at least three times per week.

Understanding the types of exercise, anaerobic and aerobic, may help in determining which workouts will give desired results.

“The difference lies in the type of energy system used by the body,” explained Ms. Mueller.

Anaerobic exercise uses the primary energy system which does not require oxygen to produce energy, but has a fuel source primarily made up of carbohydrates stored in the liver and muscle, said Ms. Mueller.

Anaerobic exercise is a short duration but high intensity activity such as sprinting,

jumping for the ball in volleyball or weightlifting.

Aerobic exercise does require oxygen to produce energy and also uses both carbohydrates and fat as energy sources. Greater amounts of fat are used the longer the activity continues, explained Ms. Mueller.

According to Ms. Mueller, true aerobic activities include three components: uses large muscle groups, is rhythmic in nature and is continuous for at least 20 minutes.

Aerobic exercise is typically a more moderate intensity and longer duration activity such as bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing and jogging.

Combining exercise with daily tasks such as walking the dog or gardening can be beneficial.

“A balance of both kinds of activities are important,” said Ms. Mueller. “A well-rounded program includes aerobic exercise, weight

training and stretching. Leisure and sport activities also enhance personal well-being.”

The benefits of exercise include more than just weight loss.

“Decreasing the risk of coronary heart disease can be accomplished through a number of lifestyle changes — most importantly diet and exercise,” said Ms. Mueller. “Exercise helps you sleep better, suppresses appetite, increases energy levels, mental acuity, metabolism, bone density and self-esteem, helps you perform daily living activities with ease, relieves stress and improves posture.”

Ms. Mueller suggests people choose activities that they enjoy and will stick with in the long run.

“Exercise shouldn’t be a chore,” explained Ms. Mueller. “Making it fun and enjoyable will help you adopt it as a life-long habit.”

For information on exercising and its benefits, call the HAWC at 3-6560.

Retiree Activities Office caters to retired, active duty members

by retired Master Sgt. Ken Holt
Retiree Activities Office

Hanscom’s Retiree Activities Office is one of the busiest in the military yet many people on base, as well as many retirees, do not know what the office is or what services it provides.

Hanscom’s office alone serves 114,684 military retirees, annuitants and survivors in the New England area.

It is not an organization which requires membership or dues. It is simply an interface between active duty members and retirees, and it serves the active duty force whenever needed.

“The Retiree Activities Office’s most important service to retirees is the Outreach Program, which provides information, counseling and referral on health care matters and support services,” said retired Air Force Capt. Arline Love, director of Hanscom’s office. “Assistance is available to individuals

experiencing adversity such as death, divorce, disability, long term or terminal illness, etc.”

Information and assistance relating to Medicare, TRICARE, veterans benefits, Survivor Benefit Plan, supplemental insurance, Former Spouse Protection Act or other programs is also available.

Volunteers at the office also serve as the retiree representatives on base councils and committees, publish a quarterly retirees newsletter and organize a monthly retiree briefing and an annual Retiree Day (scheduled for April 29 this year). Volunteers also perform electronic tax filing during the tax season, which is available, to both active duty members and retirees.

In addition to all of their services for retirees, the volunteers support active duty offices. When offices on base recognize a shortage in personnel, whether it is permanent or temporary, they can turn to the Retiree Activities Office for

help. The office will try to find interested volunteers; the gaining offices are responsible for training them.

The office and its services are staffed by 68 retirees, their spouses and survivors. During 1999, they volunteered 21,780 hours, more than any other base organization, in both retiree matters and in support of active duty areas such as the clinic and the Transition Assistance Program.

“To be successful, a Retiree Activities Office needs two things” said Captain Love. “First you need the support of active duty members. Second, you need the true dedication from your volunteers. We’re very fortunate to have both in great numbers at Hanscom.”

Located in the customer service section on the first floor of the Brown Building, the office is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

For information on services or programs there, call 3-2476.

Carolyn McKenzie receives help filing her taxes from retired Tech. Sgt. George W. Bourne at the Retiree Activities Office.

(Photo by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide)



PEA offers camaraderie, enlisted voice to base leaders

by Senior Airman Jason J. Ide
ESC Public Affairs

There are many organizations military people can join, but for technical sergeants and below there is one organization that is just for them, the Patriot Enlisted Association.

The PEA is a group of people that meet once a month to discuss important issues in an open forum as a body of peers.

“The PEA is made up of volunteers from the enlisted ranks of technical sergeants and below, who participate in community involvement programs by vol-

unteering individually or through donations from our fundraisers,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher P. Kanski, PEA president. “By doing this we can give back to the Hanscom community ... bettering others and ourselves.

“We discuss issues such as base housing, dormitories, community involvement and quality of life as a body of peers with one voice to the command chief master sergeant, to name just a few things.”

PEA’s objective is to discuss issues, instill a healthy working relationship and promote camaraderie.

“We work together to better the programs

that benefit the Hanscom community like the Campership Program for Hanscom’s youth and the Right Start Program for first-term airmen,” said Sergeant Kanski.

“The PEA doesn’t just work hard, they play hard as well,” said Sergeant Kanski.

Annual softball and basketball games against the Company Grade Officers’ Council are just two examples.

Since the PEA started in 1995, they have only lost one softball game to the CGOC, which was in 1997.

“We also try to plan a fun trip once a year for the PEA to places like Six Flags or Riverside,” said Sergeant Kanski.

The PEA is a private organization. In their meetings and events they don’t use rank, they talk to each other as peers and friends, said Sergeant Kanski.

“There are many ideas on what the PEA can do, but one person can’t do it alone,” said Sergeant Kanski. “We need your support to make it happen. Give us a shot, come out to our next meeting and see what we are all about. Don’t knock it until you try it.”

The PEA’s next meeting will be April 21 at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club.

For information, e-mail the PEA at *Hanscom.PEA.CMB@Hanscom.af.mil*.

Deployments still a reality at Hanscom

by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer
ESC Public Affairs

Some people might think just because Hanscom isn't specifically identified as being assigned to one of the Aerospace Expeditionary Forces, they don't have to be



courtesy photo

Troops march in formation after disembarking from a Civil Reserve Air Fleet Boeing 747 aircraft upon their arrival in support of Operation Desert Shield. Although Hanscom doesn't deploy troops on this scale, the base does send troops all over the world to support a wide variety of missions.

Sometimes you may want to throw your hands up in the air and give up. But you can't. Instead you have to keep in touch, focus on the positive and most of all ...

Just get through it

by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer
ESC Public Affairs

"Join the Navy and see the world" goes the old refrain. Hearing it brings up the image of an ol' salt packing his kit bag, kissing the family goodbye and sailing over the horizon. But today's sailors aren't trotting the globe solo anymore.

Airmen are getting to see the world too.

And unlike the "pre-positioned" days of the Cold War, many of today's airmen are leaving their families behind.

"My husband is in the Air Force," said Bethanie Gonsalves. "I knew it was going to happen sooner or later."

She could've cried but instead Bethanie looked for the positive when she was told her husband, Staff Sgt. Donald Gonsalves who works at the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office in Chelmsford, Mass., was going to spend three months in Saudi Arabia.

"I kept thinking, 'Thank God you're going to be back for her [daughter Kayla's] first birthday,'" said Bethanie.

Prior to packing off, the Gonsalves went to Maryland to spend Thanksgiving with Donald's family.

"When they heard that I would miss Christmas, they went out and got a tree with presents and everything," said Sergeant Gonsalves.

Then when "that day" came, they all boarded planes, one that went to Southwest Asia for Sergeant Gonsalves while the rest of his family headed back north to their home on Hanscom.

concerned about deploying.

Well if so, they're wrong.

"Hanscom does mobilize," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Bizier, who heads the base's Personnel Readiness Section. "We deployed about 120 people out of Hanscom last year."

According to Sergeant Bizier, even with

the implementation of Aerospace Expeditionary Forces, Hanscom still has mobility taskings and is expected to keep them for at least several more years.

That is because the big change behind EAF isn't relieving small bases from ever having to deploy. The main benefit is that EAF rules provide predictability, which allows for more effective time for training, education, career development and family, according to the Air Force's EAF web site.

"Now people are supposed to be given 60 days to put their personal affairs in order and get their required training accomplished," said Sergeant Bizier. "Under EAF they will be given more time."

Sergeant Bizier, whose area of responsibility stretches from the Defense Finance and Accounting System office in Limestone, Maine, to Rome Laboratory in Griffiss, N.Y., says that though Hanscom doesn't deploy on the same scale as some units in Air Combat Command, the base does a remarkable job under the gun.

"During Kosovo this base really pulled together. We deployed 13 people in 72 hours from the initial notification to having them board the plane," said Sergeant Bizier. An accomplishment that he credits to the many players in the mobility process.

"The Military Public Health, Chemical Warfare and the [Combat Arms Training and Maintenance] people at the [small arms] range are great," said Sergeant Bizier. "They always come together to get the training requirements filled."

And training is one of the top priorities in the deployment business. "Col. [Chris T.] Anzalone [66th Air Base Wing commander] is very interested in making sure everyone is properly trained. Not one person leaves without the training they need," said Sergeant Bizier. In fact, he takes great pride in the fact that Hanscom hasn't received a discrepancy notice [indicating a deployed member was unqualified for duty] in more than 9 months.

One of the keys in being able to maintain this mark is ensuring people remain prepared.

"Most people are pretty much ready," said Sergeant Bizier. But to ensure he covers every possibility, he walks through a comprehensive checklist with each deploying member.

If you have any questions about readiness or deployment concerns, call Sergeant Bizier at 3-3080.



"I sent him one [care package] during the holidays with a little Christmas tree complete with decorations," said Bethanie. The package also included some ornaments the kids had made. They also made their handprints in little heart shaped molds for Valentines Day. "I didn't send any more because my mother-in-law sent him at least one a month and kept him and co-workers well supplied."

Along with keeping in touch, another of Bethanie's ways of 'getting through it' was to rely on her support network.

People from her husband's office kept checking in on her throughout the deployment.

"Kathie Bradley and my husband's boss, Master Sgt. Jake Hines, called me every week to see how I was doing. Sergeant Hines and his wife Lisa even stopped by one night and shoveled the snow from my driveway," Bethanie said. "They also invited me to the office's Christmas Party, even though my husband wasn't here to go."

She also turned to other people who were in a

"Just getting any e-mail is great, even if it is just a couple of quick sentences about what you had for dinner last night."

-- Staff Sgt. Donald Gonsalves

Deployed member sends letter home

Hello everyone!!

Just wanted to drop a quick e-mail to let you know how I'm doing. Well, I have to tell you I never felt better in my life. I feel great!! I've been hitting the gym everyday and eating pretty well too. The food over here is exceptional. The Air Force ships most of their food products from Europe. The base has multiple dining facilities for the American, British and French troops. There is a movie theater, swimming pool and recreation center on base. The living quarters are the best I've seen so far in the Air Force. I'm not kidding!! In fact, I have it better than most other airmen. I never thought rank would have its privileges, boy was I wrong. The airmen have a minimum of two people per room and a max of about four, while NCO's have a minimum of one and a maximum of two people per room.

The flight overseas lasted about 18 hours with layovers. I'm slowly adjusting to the time zone. I can't believe its 1800 hours here and only 1000 hours back at Hanscom. Oh look at that, I'm back to using military time. I have to tell you folks; this is a military environment like no other. Prince Sultan Air Base has just about every type of aircraft you can think of including a British and French fleet. Each person here works as a team. Hence, the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing's motto: "One Team, One Fight!"

This base is so operational that it makes you realize that you play a vital part in the mission. You must always remember you are in the military and if you forget someone will let you know. Yesterday, two airmen thought they'd have enough time to eat chow in the morning before arriving to work. They were late for roll call and were reprimanded by the Force Protection Commander. They certainly don't fool around over here. You have to make sure you're up to par on military dress and personal appearance. A senior NCO has no problem going up to you and chewing you out because you're out of regulation (i.e. AFI 36-2903). I've seen it happen!!

Anyway, let's get to the good part. My job along with A1C Fraser (another Hanscom team member) is to be a security escort for the Wing. We escort third country nationals around base when they're performing duties on construction projects. We both work 12-hour shifts, 6-days a week. Well, actually the airmen received this past Monday off, but we NCOs had to work. We had lots of stuff to discuss. There are four staff sergeants, including myself, that have been placed in supervisory positions. I never thought I'd ever have so much responsibility—but I love it!! It's great to be the one someone comes up to for advice or for help with a problem. Well I have to go!! It's 1900 hours—bedtime for me. I have to be up at 0300 in the morning to make the bus at 0400. I can't be late, roll call is 0515. I'll talk to all of you soon!!

SSgt Patrick K. Latour Jr.



Staff Sgt. Patrick K. Latour Jr., is normally a maintenance data systems specialist with the Air Force Research Laboratory. Currently, he is a security escort for the 363 Air Expeditionary Wing at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

He sent this open letter to the Hanscom community to his first sergeant.

Bethanie is an active member, was another vital support tool she used.

And there was another time when Bethanie got to use a more traditional type of tool on the family Christmas tree.

"My son [Dylan] conned me into getting a big tree that turned out to be too big to fit in the house," said Bethanie. So she decided she would have to shorten it a bit.

"I had to borrow a saw from a neighbor," Bethanie added. "I'm sure they would have done it for me but I was in one of my 'I'm not gonna wimp out' moments."

It ended up in a wrestling match on the patio table in the backyard. Once all the sawdust settled, both Bethanie and the tree were standing proud, though the tree was a bit shorter than before.

"She even saved the part she cut off to prove to me that she had really done it," said Sergeant Gonsalves.

In hindsight, it was one of those lighter moments that helps to balance out the bad. Such as when Sergeant Gonsalves heard that his return date was slipping.

"One of my low morale points was when they told me they were going to extend me," said Sergeant Gonsalves. From the very moment he learned he was going to deploy, one of his consolation points was that he would be back in time for Kayla's first birthday.

During the time he was away, Kayla had progressed from crawling to walking. He had missed that milestone. But that was water under the bridge. All he was asking for was to be there when she took

her first bite of birthday cake.

But it didn't look like that was going to be possible anymore.

That is until another airman stepped up to the plate for him.

A single staff sergeant who worked in the same office heard about Sergeant Gonsalves plight and volunteered to extend his own tour of duty so that father and daughter could be together on that happy day.

"It is one of those moments that give you faith," said Bethanie. And it came in just a nick of time.

In fact, little Kayla spent part of her first birthday in Logan Airport waiting for her Daddy to emerge from the tunnel.

"As soon as he stepped out Brenna went running straight to him. Kayla just stood there and looked," said Bethanie. "She just watched and watched him. Finally when I walked up and stood next to him, she came along."

Now that the experience is over, Bethanie emphasizes the help she received from her "military family" and the Family Support Center. She also remains active in the Enlisted Wives' Club, offering to help those who are getting ready to go through a similar experience.

The lessons of the Gonsalves family's experience is to focus on the positive, stay in touch and just get through it.

But most of all, you have to be ready. In today's Air Force, it is almost certain that sooner or later we are all going to pack up the kit bag and ship off at least once.

PA leader identifies importance of AF symbol

by Cynthia Minnick
11th Wing Public Affairs

Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. — If a picture is worth a thousand words, a new symbol for the Air Force could be worth millions.

The symbol, which many Air Force people have seen in Online News and elsewhere, is one part of an effort to more effectively tell the Air Force story and present a unified image, said Col. Ron Rand, Air Force Director of Public Affairs. He spoke recently to about 400 enlisted, officers and civilians as part of a professional development series here.

The effort is part of a larger plan to turn around recruiting and retention, he added.

“Feedback from Air Force people will help us communicate more effectively,” he said.

Rand started by addressing the most fundamental question: Why does the Air Force need a symbol and theme?

The impetus for the symbol and theme — the most visible parts of the communication effort — is not recent. Air Force senior leaders began discussing it about two years ago, according to Rand.

“We recognized then the need to tell our story better, to help build widespread public appreciation and understanding of the importance of our mission, the quality of our people and the relevance of the work they do,” he said.

“The answer is to build on our strong identity, develop a unifying symbol and theme, and communicate a consistent story,” said Rand.

Air Force officials recognized the need to employ experts for guidance and hired a private firm specializing in corporate branding in order to develop a total package to help the Air Force tell its story, said Rand. After extensive research — including surveys, focus groups and interviews with a total of 10,000 people, both in and out of uniform — the firm arrived at some recommendations.

The research also yielded four strong themes regarding the Air Force: individual achievement, smarts and technology, values and a strong sense of mission. The mission theme was strongest of all. The firm then helped the Air Force articulate its identity and framed a strategy to communicate it to airmen, potential recruits and the public, said Rand. Part

of the strategy included creating a consistent visual image.

A prime piece of research showed that Air Force people don’t feel appreciated. “We work really hard, we make huge sacrifices, we leave our families behind, all those kinds of things. All our people want is to be recognized and appreciated for that,” said Rand. “They don’t have a sense that the public understands how hard it is to be in the Air Force, how good the work that we do is and how well we do it.”

“They came up with a symbol and theme they felt captured the huge range of things we do, all the way from recruiting through retirement,” explained Rand. The new symbol is a contemporary interpretation of the Hap Arnold logo, with a progressive, modern-looking design.

One of two proposed themes is “World Ready,” derived from the concept that the Air Force is “world class, mission ready.” This concept addresses the strongest of the four concepts from the research: a sense of mission.

A second theme under consideration was “Above and Beyond,” which speaks to the theme of individual achievement.

Air Force leaders haven’t made a final decision on the theme or the symbol, he

said. Instead, they’ll test the symbol in a variety of communication efforts.

A primary vehicle for communicating the Air Force’s story is through the upcoming national television advertising campaign. The new symbol will be featured in the advertisements.

“By institutionalizing a symbol that is universally recognized by all, we create name brand recognition for the Air Force,” said Rand.

“Until recently, the Air Force has never advertised on TV. So the American public rarely sees images of Air Force people at work, in humanitarian and combat operations, and during worldwide contingencies,” said Rand.

This year, the Air Force is purchasing television advertising time to the tune of approximately \$28.5 million.

“Besides helping in recruitment efforts, TV advertising will help the general public understand the important work we do and how well we do it,” he added.

Rand believes this is another important element to the advertising — helping Air Force people gain an additional sense of appreciation for what they do. And he thinks a well-recognized logo can foster cohesion.



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Present arms ...

(From left to right) Hanscom's Patriot Honor Guard members, Senior Airman Benny Windom, Staff Sgt. Chris Diangelo, Senior Airman Andre Beamon and Senior Airman Angel Montalvo present the colors March 22 at the Fleet Center, opening a Celtics basketball game on Military Appreciation night.

Today

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for the special assistant to 66th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Robert J. Gmyrek, will be held today at 10:30 a.m. in the Officers' Club Ballroom.

Thursday

Joint-sponsored "Mini-PDI 2000"

A financial management Mini-Professional Development Institute is scheduled for Thursday at the base Conference Center.

The featured speakers will be Maj. Gen. Everett Odgers, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command comptroller, and Hyrum Smith, chairman of Franklin Covey Co. and author of "The Ten Natural Laws of Time and Life Management." Air Force, Department of Defense and private-sector speakers will offer workshops on fraud, privatization, reducing total ownership cost, the role of military financial management, and the impact of finance on information technology.

Mini-PDI 2000 is open to military, civilian and contractor personnel. The cost is \$170 for members or \$190 for non-members and can be paid by check or by DD Form 1556. For registration information contact 3-6614 or e-mail Tom.Oko@hanscom.af.mil.

Upcoming and Weeklies

Hanscom men's softball

Hanscom team sign-ups for men's softball is ongoing.

For information, contact Tech Sgt. John Raynes at 3-2620, or email at John.raynes@hanscom.af.mil

Voting Assistance line established

A voting assistance line has been established at 3-VOTE (8683) to help potential voters get registered.

Anyone who has a question or problem can call the line and leave a message including their name and phone number. A voting counselor will call you back by the next business day.

BHS springtime dessert

The Bedford High School Parents Association will host a springtime dessert for all high school parents as well as parents of next year's ninth grade class (students currently in eighth grade at the John Glenn Middle School and the Hanscom Middle School).

This get-acquainted party will be held at the home of Ginny and Frank Baudanza, 5 Hilltop Drive, April 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Come to make new friends, build connections and discover that you are not alone.

For information, contact Ginny Baudanza at

275-8692 or email at gbaudanza@hotmail.com.

BHS curriculum presentation

The Bedford High School Parents Association will present "Bedford High School: Curriculum Overview for MCAS Disciplines" April 12 at 7:30 p.m., in the old high school cafeteria.

Dr. Maureen La Croix and program administrators for math, science, social studies and English language arts will provide an overview of the high school curriculum.

All high school parents and current eighth-grade parents are welcome to attend this session.

For information, call Ellen Ratichek at 275-4335, or Mary Whallon at meawhallon@aol.com.

Scholarships available

The Retired Officers Association, Paul Revere Chapter, is accepting applications for its annual scholarships to students at four-year colleges.

The typical award will be about \$1,000.

Children of active duty military personnel stationed at Hanscom, children and grandchildren of members of the Paul Revere Chapter and TROA are eligible.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 30.

Applications are available at the Education Center Customer Service Desk and by requests to retired Lt. Col. Paul Sullivan via email at sullivanp@empire.net or call at (978) 433-9909.

Employee appreciation day

The North Suburban Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Employee Appreciation Day April 28 at the Ramada Inn in Woburn, which is located on 15 Middlesex Canal Park Road.

The event, which features a luncheon and fashion show by Dress Barn, will begin at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$25 for Hanscom employees. Those wishing to attend or send an employee should contact and provide payment to Theresa Feely at 3-5191.

Volunteer for Family Services

With the advent of the New Year, are you looking for a rewarding experience that does not

require a lot of time?

Would you like to work among adults for a few hours each week, while your preschoolers enjoy a few hours of interaction with others their own age?

Then consider volunteering at Family Services.

At Family Services, you can enjoy meeting and helping many new people and your children can interact with others at a certified on base ChildCare facility, or provider.

For volunteering your time, Family Services will pay for your childcare.

For information, call the Family Services Volunteer Coordinator at 3-3436.

Base volleyball teams

Both the men's and women's base volleyball teams are looking for players to play in the AFMC tournament this year. The teams will practice Mondays 6 to 8 p.m. at the base gym. Any active duty military members interested please come to the practice Mondays or contact Chris Barker at 3-9011 Christopher.Barker@hanscom.af.mil or Erik Eichin at 3-2017 eichin@plh.af.mil.

Baseball positions available

Henry's Baseball Club welcomes players and coaches between the ages of 17 and 30 to play Sundays at 11 a.m.

For information call 891-0621.

American Red Cross seeks volunteers

Are you looking for a unique way to get involved in your community?

The West Area American Red Cross, which has relocated to Waltham, Mass., has many opportunities available.

We are currently looking for office volunteers, youth and adult health and safety instructors, disaster mental health volunteers

and Disaster Action Team volunteers.

If you are interested in staying on base, the Hanscom Clinic is in need of volunteers in a variety of capacities.

So, no matter what your interest, the Red Cross has something for you and we can match almost any skill to a volunteer opportunity.

For more information, contact Teah Bayless at (617) 375-0700 x313.

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Hazardous waste turn-in

Household hazardous waste turn-in is at Bldg. 1820, Dow Street, in the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron complex from 8 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday.

This turn-in is available for both on-base residents and base organizations.

For information contact Robert Spelfogel at 3-8207.

Sign Language Volunteers

There are several hearing impaired employees at Hanscom who are in need of interpretive services.

Volunteers who are familiar with sign language are asked to help these employees at meetings, conferences and official functions.

Even a short amount of time can make a significant difference to the hearing impaired on the base.

Experience with American Sign Language, signed English and finger spelling would be helpful.

For information, call Laurie Cunningham at 3-4054 or Andrew Hodyke at 3-8473.

Colonial



Theater

Friday 7:30 p.m. -- THE BEACH - Garland's novel centers on a young nicotine-addicted traveler named Richard, an avid pop-culture buff. While at a hotel in Bangkok, he finds a map left by his strange, whacked-out neighbor, who just committed suicide. The map supposedly leads to a legendary island paradise where some other wayward souls have settled. **R** (violence, some strong sexuality, language and drug content) **119 min** Starring: **Leonardo DiCaprio, Guillaume Canet**



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Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- THE END OF THE AFFAIR - The year is 1939. England is at war. A passionate married woman Sara, is immediately and irresistibly attracted to brooding novelist Maurice when they meet at a party. They begin a passionate, illicit and sexually liberating love affair. Inexplicably and without warning, Sarah breaks off the relationship. Two years later, Maurice's obsession with Sarah is rekindled as he re-enters her life. **R** (scenes of strong sexuality) **100 min** Starring: **Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore**

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.

Hanscom School Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Lean beef tacos, corn and fruit	Beef hotdog on roll, hash brown, fruit cup and jello	French toast sticks, ham, spiced topping	Stuffed crust cheese pizza or fish patty on a roll, veggie sticks, fruit cup and frozen treat

What's Happening

Flower arranging class

The Youth Center is offering a Spring Flower Arranging class April 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost is \$25.

Those interested should register by Monday and bring a pair of scissors to class. All other materials will be supplied. Call 3-2833.

Outdoor Recreation

During April, Outdoor Recreation will give you 20 percent off all winter resale items to include hats, gloves, goggles and more.

Preferred Plus! members, show your card and receive an additional 10 percent off.

We also carry a full line of Patriot Golf Course merchandise.

Call 3-5316 for information.

Teen volunteers needed

Teen volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the Pine Street Inn homeless shelter April 14 at 4:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided.

Also, teens can sign up now for "Dinner at Chili's" April 21 at 7 p.m.

Call the Youth Center at 3-3739 for information.

Hanscom Lanes

Enjoy Family Bowling, every Saturday for \$7 per lane from 3 to 5 p.m. or 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. King and Queen of the Hill Tournament is April 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. Glow Bowl is Monday, April 15 and 29, reservations are required.

For information call the Bowling Center at 3-2237.

Auto Hobby Shop

During the month of April, show us that it's your birthday and get a free stall or lift for that day.

Only \$16.95 gets you a complete oil, lube and filter change by appointment from Monday through April 7.

Get a free battery and alternator system check from April 24 to 28.

Now is the time to get the winter dirt off your car at the new "touchless" automatic car-wash located across from the Base Post Office.

Steak Night returns April 4

Join us at the Patriot Enlisted Club every Tuesday night from 5 to 7 p.m. in April for steak night on the deck.

Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children (six through 12). Show your Preferred Plus! card and receive a 10 percent discount.

Picnic Reservations

Reservations will be taken for Gazebos at Memorial Park and Castle Park areas as well as the FamCamp picnic area.

From Monday through April 15 all assigned active duty personnel and base squadrons may make their reservations on a first come, first served basis. After April 15, reservations will be opened to all base personnel.

Reservations must be made in person. A deposit is required at the time of reservation.

Call 3-5316 for information.

Patriot Golf Course opens Saturday

by J.C. Corcoran
Services Marketing

The Patriot Golf Course's season officially begins with its scheduled opening Saturday.

Providing professional golf instruction, a practice facility and a nine-hole regulation golf course, the Patriot Golf Course has something for everyone.

Preferred Plus! begins April 3, however Preferred Plus! members can begin saving 10 percent on the purchase of 2000 Annual Green fee cards immediately just by showing their membership card.

Golfers will notice a change in the course layout that should help to speed play.

Holes one to three remain the same while the previous hole number six, the dogleg right over the large pond, is now number four. Hole seven becomes number five and number eight is now number six, while hole nine is now number

seven. Hole eight is now the par three along the road. Number nine is the old number four that runs along the road toward the barn.

Why the change? "Actually, the suggestion came from one of our staff members at the course," said Frank Kolarik the Patriot Golf Course manager. "These changes will allow us to better monitor the traffic coming in on number nine. Previously, because of its location, we were unable to see the green on

old number nine. This slowed down our ability to let new groups off on number one since we couldn't judge what the turn traffic was like coming off nine. This blind spot generally created trouble and a slow down for people making the turn. Now we can see right from the golf shop what the traffic is like and will be better able to move groups out and keep the flow going," said Mr. Kolarik.

At the overwhelming request of the golfers, tee times will be available on Fridays this year, in addition to Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The customers should enjoy knowing that when they show up with a reservation they will be able to begin play at their scheduled time.

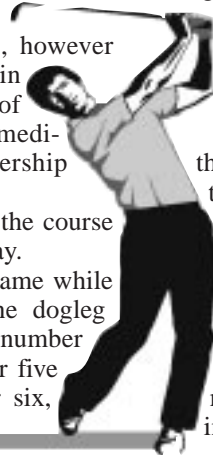
This allows golfers to more effectively plan their time off from work and get the most out of their leisure time.

Also new this year is the granite tee markers that are due to arrive sometime in June.

Made of pure granite, the markers will be 18 by 25 inches, depicting the hole layout, the par and the distances from the different tee markers. Below each of the markers will be the name of the holes' sponsor, which is a new innovation, being managed through the Marketing Office of the 66th Services Squadron.

It's a whole new season, with new things coming.

For information on the Patriot Golf Course, call the Golf Shop at 687-2396.



Preferred Plus!
begins April 3



Shows

Champions On Ice
April 8, 7 p.m.

Fleet Center

Celtics Basketball
April 10, 12 and 14

Fleet Center

Boston Pops
June 17, 8 p.m.

Symphony Hall

Miss Saigon

June 18, 7:30 p.m.

Wang Center

Trips

Washington D.C., April 27 to 30

Gloucester Casino Cruise, May 12

Maine Lobster Bake, June 28

The Tall Ships, July 14

Martha's Vineyard, July 22

West Point, July 26

NYC, Aug 5-6

Nantucket, Aug 12

Hanscom Appreciation Night

Join the fun April 7 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell as the Lock Monsters play the Worcester Wildcats!

Discount tickets are \$9.50 for children and \$13.50 for adults.

Call 3-3262.

Help Wanted!

Child Care Givers
\$9.43/hr., Benefit Pkg.

Camp Counselors
Mid June - Aug,
\$9.43/hr
E.O.E.

Fax resume to 377-7899
or call NAF HRO at 3-8741

April is "Month of the Military Child"



April 4, Proud Parent Day - every parent receives a balloon and stuffed bear as they sign their child in to the center. Display them at your desk and show the base how many families utilize the child care programs. Bring the bear and balloon for your child when you pick them up.

April 8, Home Alone Training at the FSC from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 3-3739 for details.

April 15, Walk N' Talk - family walk and discussion in the park plus lunch.

April 24 to 28, Family portraits - each family makes a poster about their family to be displayed in the centers.

April 20, Family Night - free pasta dinner at the Youth Center for all families on base, plus distribution of a parent education book to each family in attendance.



Officers Club

Easter Buffet

April 23

Two seatings - noon and 3 p.m.

Reservations are required.

MENU

Carved roast beef, honey baked ham, baked scrod, marinated chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, rice, green beans almandine, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, caesar, salad, fruit salad and assorted desserts. Chicken nuggets and potato puffs for the children.

Prices: \$14.95 adults, \$7 children (six to 11) and five and under are free.

Call 3-3790 for information.

Secretaries Day

April 26

For all you do, this lunch is for you!

11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MENU

Chicken saltimbocca, seafood primavera, pasta, baked stuffed potato, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and rolls. Flowers will be provided.

Price: \$7.95

Reservations are requested.

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Preferred Plus! members show your card for a discount!

Employment

❑ A **resume writing class** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
This is a basic resume writing course. It covers how to write an eye-catching or scannable resume and how to fill out applications.
Bring your lunch.
Call 3-4222 to register.

Parenting

❑ The **world of the toddler** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday and Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.
Join Peter Griffiths, social worker from Counseling and Prevention Service, for a two-part workshop on the challenges and rewards of parenting a toddler.
The class will look at such issues as biting, discipline, temper tantrums, the “no” stage, potty training and the burgeoning independence inherent in the toddler stage.
Bring questions, experiences and lunch and explore this subject.
Call 3-4222 to register.
❑ **Raising daughters** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
A workshop for mothers and fathers on the joys, challenges and special issues of raising a daughter in today’s society.
Presented by Sue Speilman of Jewish Family and Children’s Service.
Call 3-4222 to register.

Fitness enhancement

❑ **Alcohol and the mind** (video - 30 minutes) will be shown at the HAWC Wednesday at noon.
Alcohol is the most widely abused drug in the world. In this video, various people recount how alcohol consumption blurs the ability to think clearly and act rationally.
Registration not required.

Work and life

❑ **Hearts apart** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday from 6 to 7 p.m.
A monthly information and support group for spouses of deployed, TDY or remote tour service members.
Call 3-4222 to register.
❑ **Sponsor training** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 8 to 9 a.m.
Learn what to expect, what is expected of you and what base resources you can use to ensure incoming service personnel and families have a smooth move to Hanscom.
A prerequisite for all sponsors.
Call 3-4222 to register.
❑ **Life insurance, annuities and estate planning** will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Join us as we maneuver through the life insurance maze.
Other topics to be discussed are the different types of wills and trusts. The class will also cover how ownership of assets determines who will get what and how this all impacts your estate taxes.
Call 3-4222 to register.
❑ **Inbound relocation seminar** will be held at the Family Support Center Friday from 9 to 10 a.m.
Welcome new Team Hanscom members.
Receive an official introduction to Hanscom’s settling in services for new arrivals: local community information, spouse employment, volunteer opportunities, home finding, budgeting and more.

**Education Center,
Bldg. 1728, 3-2021**

❑ The Education Office testing policy requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.
It is the student’s responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.
For information call Education Services at 3-3120.
The next administration of the English Composition with Essay CLEP Exam will be June 8, with a registration deadline of April 25.
The next administration of the Regents Extended Response Exams will be June 8, with a registration deadline of April 25. The available exams are History of Nazi Germany, Religions of the World, Research in Nursing, American Dream, and Business Policy and Strategy.
All exams start at 8 a.m., individuals should arrive by 7:45 a.m.
Schedule exam appointments through Education Services at 3-3120.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The Minuteman Thrift Shop’s normal business hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales.
The Thrift Shop is open Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consignments.

Civil Engineering

❑ The base recycling program contractor will pick up hamper bins or carts Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bins must be consolidated in one location. The building manager must call the recycling office at 3-4272. Leave the building number and location of the carts on the message.
Deadlines are Tuesdays at noon. Messages left after noon Tuesdays will be sent to the contractor for pickup the next week.

Miscellaneous

❑ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings are held at noon Thursdays at the Base Chapel and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Education Center.
❑ **Patriot Honor Guard Booster Club** is open to everyone. The booster club meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.
For information contact Senior Airman Jennifer Huff at 3-4715.

Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ The PEA is an open forum for technical sergeant’s and below to discuss ideas and issues as peers. We foster teamwork, camaraderie for each other and the Hanscom community so we can make the difference happen. As a body of peers we can put a voice to housing, community involvement, and Quality of Life issues to the ESC command chief master sergeant.
For information contact Staff Sgt. Chris Kanski at 3-4923 or e-mail *Chris.Kanski@hanscom.af.mil*.

People’s Corner

66th Logistics Squadron

Birthday greetings to **Staff Sgt. Charles Tobey, Senior Airman Christopher Mack, John O'Donnell, Joe Comtois, Buster Milbury** and **John Stotik**.
Congratulations to **Senior Airman Sherida McKenzie** on her marriage.
Congratulations to **Senior Airman Christopher Mack** on being awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal, Enlisted Honor Guard of the Year for 1999 and flight leader for Blue Flight.

Company Grade Officers’ Council

❑ The Company Grade Officers’ Council is made up of all lieutenants and captains in the Air Force. You need not do anything to become a member - you are one by default. How much you participate in this organization is up to you.
The Hanscom CGOC is a place to meet other junior officers outside of the workplace and participate in a dynamic organization.
The CGOC tries to get involved in a wide variety of activities from community service and social gatherings to professional military development. So, if you’re interested in any of this, come to one of the meetings.
For information, contact the CGOC Executive Board: 2nd Lt. Jeremy Miller, president, 3-1668; 2nd Lt. Malcolm Mangels, vice president, 3-8384; - 2nd Lt. Sarah Kreps, executive officer 3-6933; 2nd Lt. Liane Witt, assistant executive officer, 3-4704 and 2nd Lt. Kyle Oyama, treasurer, 271-1186 Ext. 8391.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.
❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.
❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

Family Life conference

The Protestant parish will be sponsoring a Family Life conference on marriage at the Burlington Marriott, April 7 through 9.
This workshop will help you to have a deeper, more satisfying relationship by learning the skills fostering a loving environment.
For information and to register, contact Marcus Dixon at (508) 233-5869 or (978) 562-0978; or Ken Whitley at 271-8248 or 274-0339.

Chapel-in-a-Chapel dedication

The Catholic Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be dedicated at the Base Chapel as a part of the principal Mass this Sunday beginning at 10:45 a.m.
Commanders and many parishioners contributed to this final part of the complete renovation of the Base Chapel.
Parishioners are asked to note that the Mass will begin fifteen minutes early on that day.
Remember, Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. that morning. Turn clocks forward one hour.

Catholic designated offering

The Catholic Parish Third Quarter Designated Offering will be taken up at all three Masses Palm Sunday weekend, April 15 and 16, and donated to the Archdioceses for the Military Services, which is the ecclesiastical agency for active duty military Catholics and their families.
The archdiocese has no federal or any other means of support other than the charity of the personnel it serves.

Catholic “Stations and Soup”

The Catholic community will sponsor “Stations and Soup” each Wednesday evening during Lent at the Chapel.
The program begins at 5 p.m. with the Stations of the Cross followed by a light meal provided this week by the Catholic Pastoral Council.
All Catholics are invited to an evening of reflection and fellowship.
For information call Pam Willey at 3-3538.